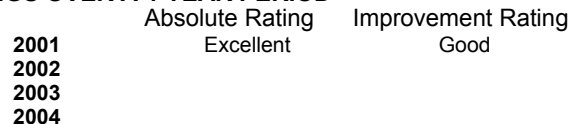


**ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good**

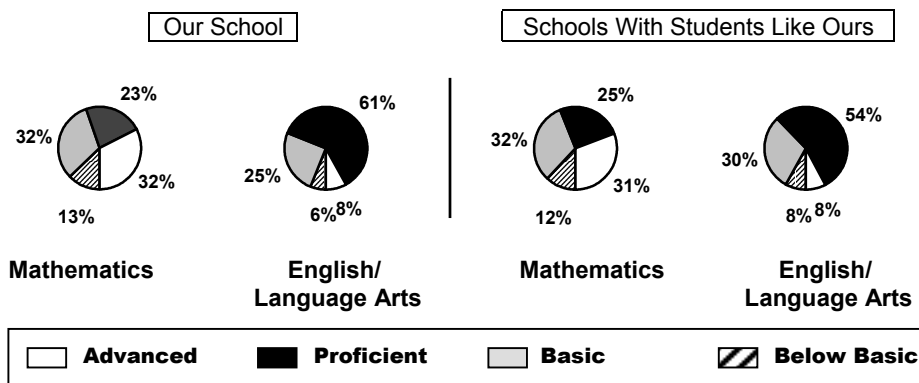
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 19.  
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

**RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

**PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS**



**DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=457)</b>	93.9	87.1	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=31)	77.4	64.5		
Students without disabilities (n=426)	95.1	88.7		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=240)	93.3	88.3		
Female (n=217)	94.5	85.7		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=64)	70.3	51.6		
Hispanic (n=7)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=371)	97.8	93		
Other (n=15)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=54)	68.5	44.4		
Pay for lunch (n=403)	97.3	92.8		

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

**INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,101	N/A	\$4,975	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	94.9%	Up from 94.4%	91.7%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	4.5 to 1	N/A	20.9 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=864)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	97%	Down from 97.2%	96.8%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	0.3%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	0.2%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	87.5%	Up from 82.5%	94.4%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	1.2%	Down from 1.8%	1.2%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=50)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	11.1 Days	Up from 6.9	7.5 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	98.7%	Up from 98.2%	95.7%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	60%	Down from 65.3%	59.6%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	88%	Up from 79.6%	88%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	82.1%	Down from 82.6%	85.6%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,349	Up 7.2%	\$39,097	\$37,520

**SCHOOL FACTS**

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	64.5%	N/A	67.9%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	8	N/A	3.5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	95.7%	N/A	98%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Poor	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	22.1%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Up from 0.1%	0.4%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	44.6%	Up from 40.3%	35.7%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	7%	Up from 6.1%	5.5%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Buena Vista Elementary is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the South Carolina State Department of Education. The school maintains an "All Clear" rating. The many strengths of the school include: strong instructional leadership, fully certified staff, sequentially organized curriculum, a strong PTA, an award-winning parent volunteer program (78,000-hours), and a supportive community. This year 4,830 visitors signed into our school. The school family continues to maintain open lines of communication. This year the SCPTA recognized Buena Vista with the Legislative Advocacy Award. The principal was recognized as Outstanding Principal runner-up by the SCPTA.

During the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 school years, 90% of our first graders scored at the readiness level. The school believes that our full-day kindergarten program has made the difference in preparing our students for first grade. Reduced class size in the first grade enables students to have more individualized instruction. Test scores on the PACT test show an increase in the area of language arts at grades three, four, and five.

The school community is proud of the new PAWS publishing center. This program received first place recognition by the SCPTA. Students published over nine hundred books this year. Our students excelled in the Fine Arts and our Imagination Destination team placed 11th at the world level.

Each classroom has at least one computer and there is a school computer lab. Adequate technology access is an identified need and the barrier to quality technology in the school is funding. A focus on closing the gap between groups will be a priority for the school in the coming years. It is our hope and aspiration to accomplish this through a mentoring program, an after school tutorial program, and by involving our senior citizens and the business community. We hope to encourage quality family times within the school community by continuing Family Reading/Writing Nights, a Science/Math Night, and a Fine Arts Night. The outreach program includes book drives, parenting programs, and the annual Giving Tree. The community can expect academic and instructional growth of students in all grades because of the high expectations and expertise of the administration, faculty, and staff. The mission of Buena Vista Elementary School is to prepare all students to become life-long learners and responsible citizens by providing quality educational experiences in a safe, positive environment through the cooperative efforts of home, school, and community.

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	89.9	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	89.6	89.3	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	92.3	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Buena Vista Elementary  
310 S. Batesville Road  
Greer, SC 29650

Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 864 Students

#### Principal

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#### Board Chair

Roger D. Meek 864-233-8567

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Excellent

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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